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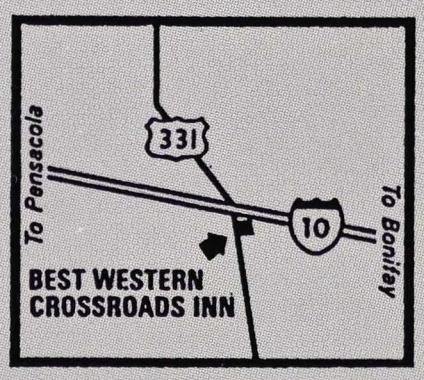

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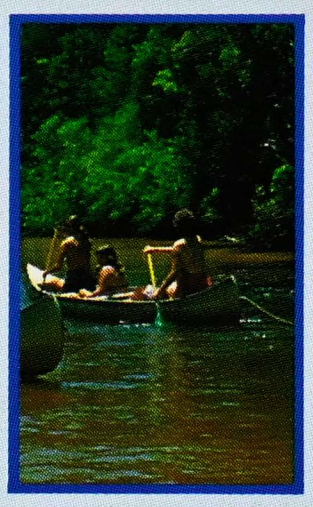

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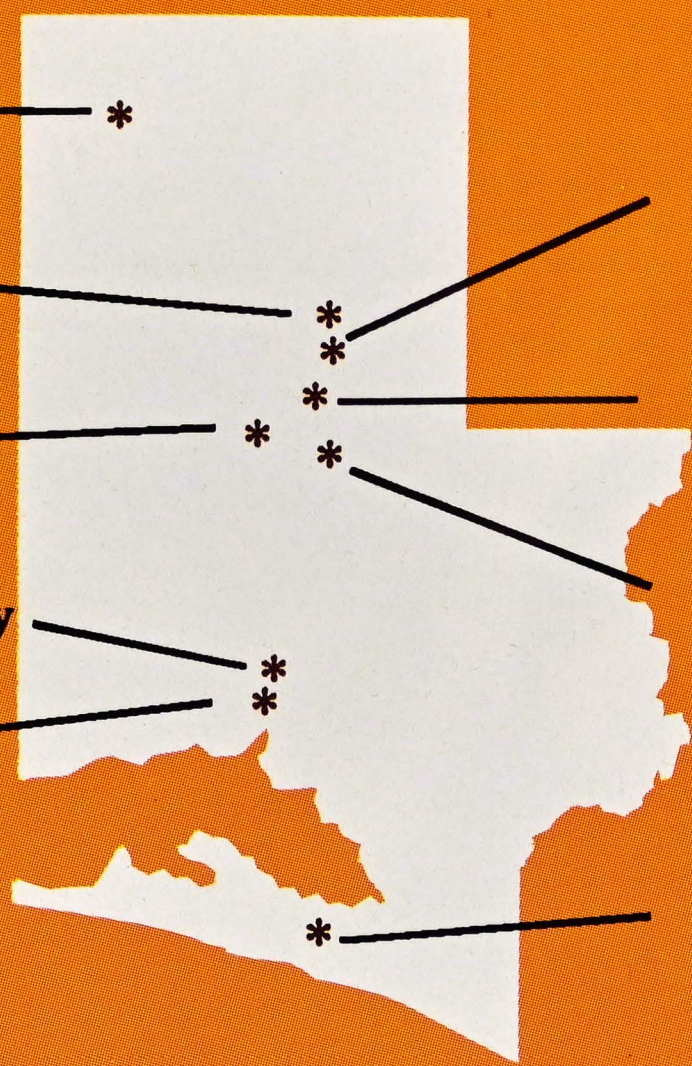

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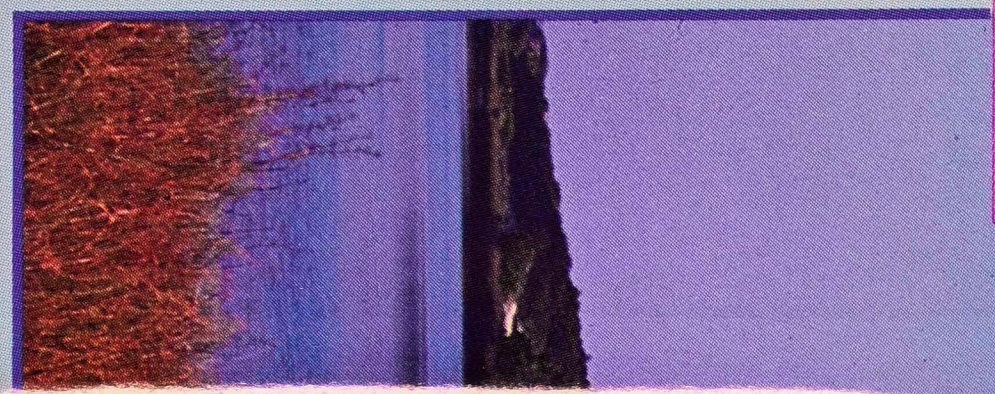

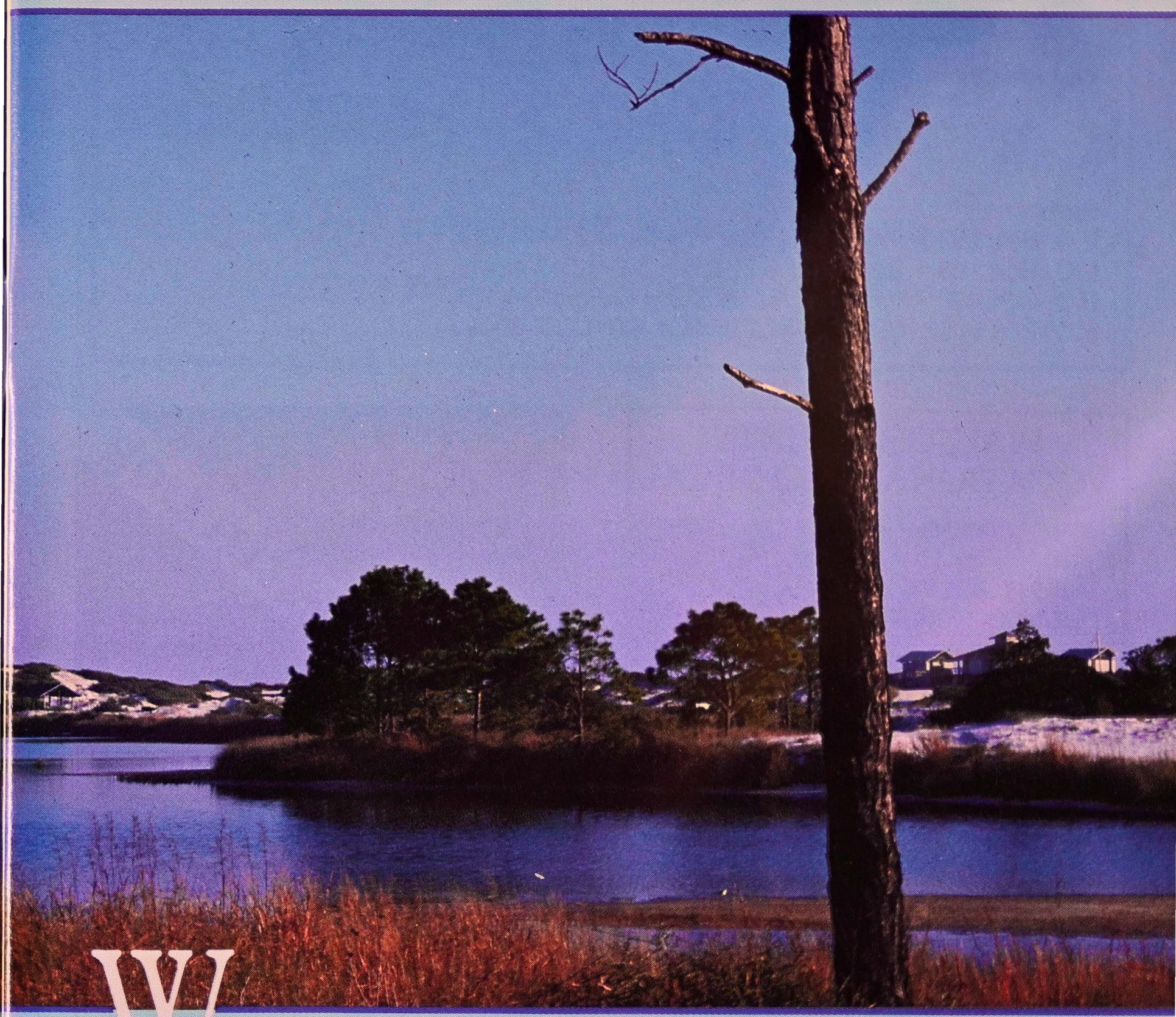

Welcome to Walton County

Stretching from the the Gulf of Mexico to the Alabama state line, Walton County covers more than a thousand square miles, making it Florida's seventh largest county. From emerald Gulf waters washing sugar-white beaches to gently rolling hills patchworked by rich farmlands, Walton County offers a varied landscape of striking beauty the equal of any in our nation. Long stretches of unpopulated and undeveloped beaches, miles and miles of rivers, streams, and Intracoastal Waterway, and hundreds of acres of woodlands make the county a paradise for fishermen, hunters, and all outdoors types.

Walton County has a permanent population of some 29,000. The three incorporated areas include the county seat of DeFuniak Springs and the smaller communities of Paxton and Freeport. Although many county residents were born in the Florida Panhandle (some descended from the original Scots settlers of 1820), transplants quickly fit into the community. The resultant population is friendly, honest, courteous, and willing to embrace hard work. Whether you're retiring, moving here with a job, or spending a few vacation weeks, you'll find Waltonians make excellent neighbors.

Businesses, too, find a home in Walton County — from shipbuilding on the coast to dairy farming and beef cattle raising inland. Tourism creates jobs for thousands. Major highways, ample utilities, and plenty of undeveloped land make Walton County an ideal site for new or relocating businesses and industries.

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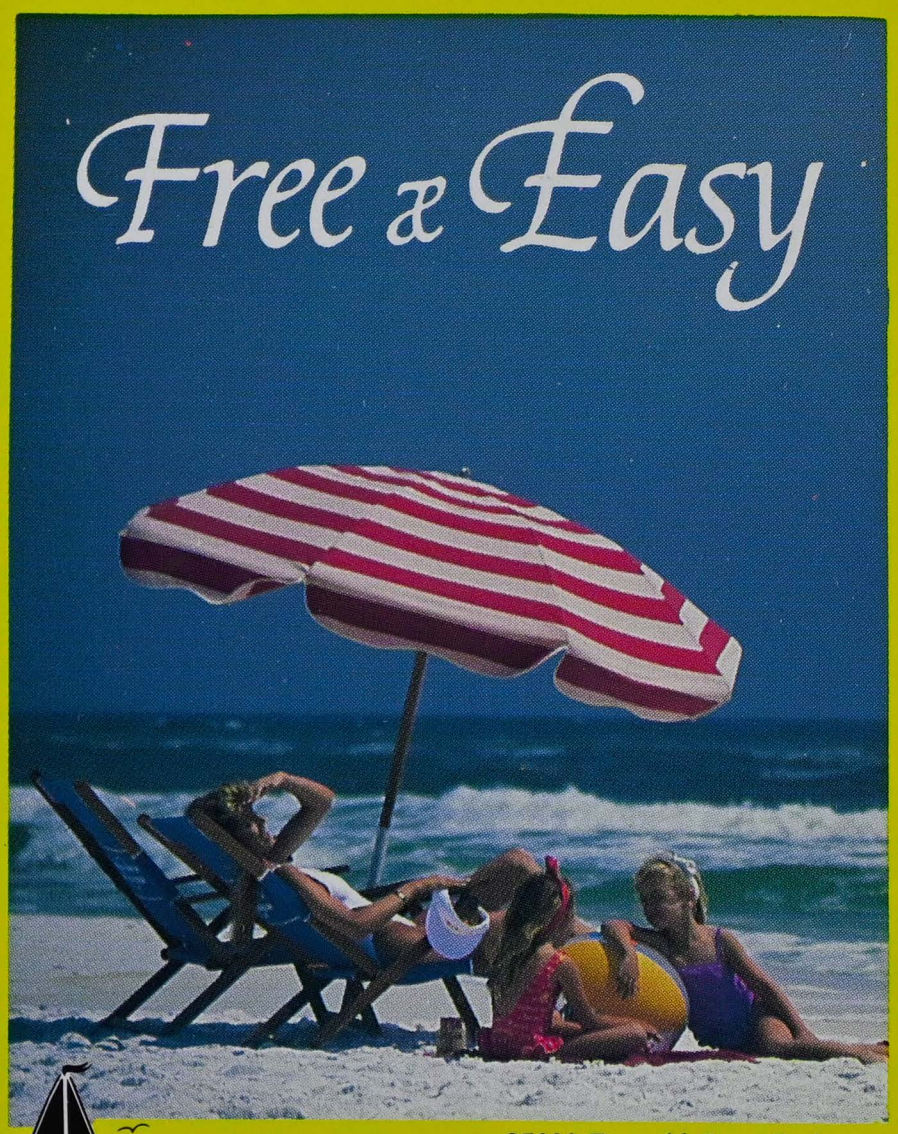

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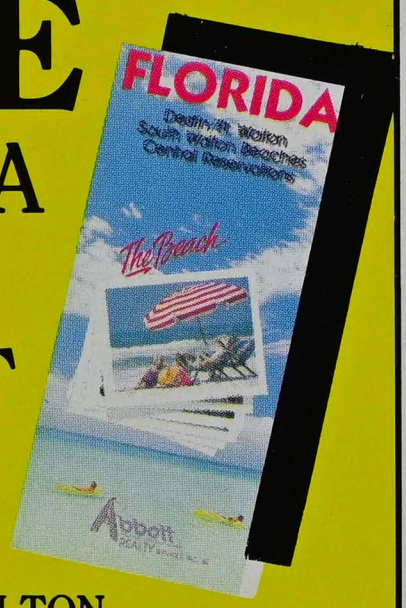

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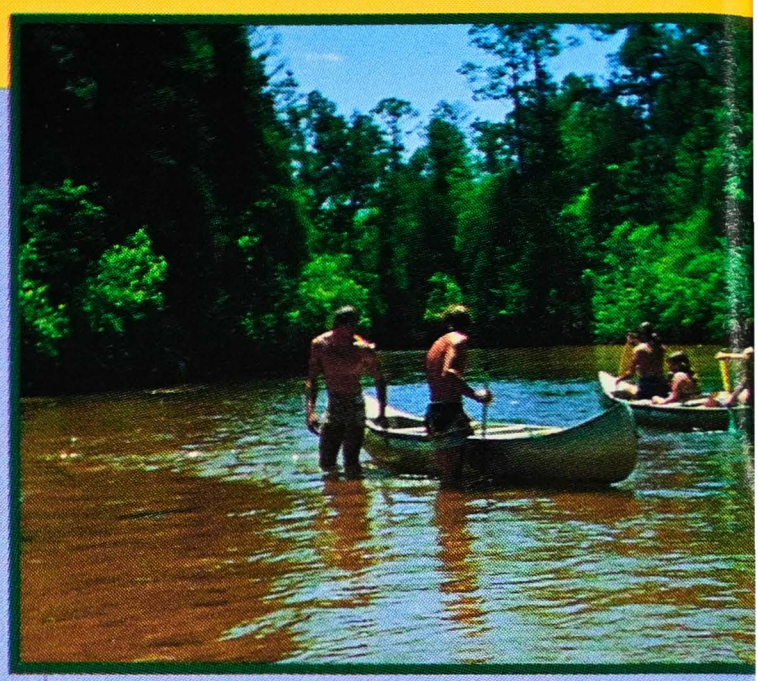

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Whether you're a saltwater enthusiast or prefer fresh water sports, you'll find plenty of both in Walton County.

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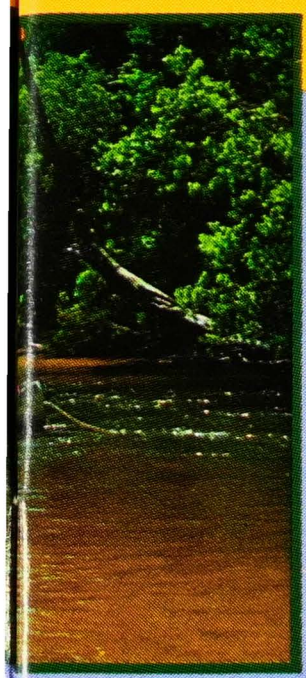

Fun Under the Walton County Sun

Walton County is a recreational paradise. Due to the year-round mild climate, numerous bodies of water, 26 miles of white sand beaches, acres of undeveloped land, and the Eglin Wildlife Management Area, both residents and visitors find nearly unlimited opportunities for outdoors activities. Watersports, fishing and hunting, hiking, horseback riding, boating and sailing, swimming, golf and tennis, and more are options for fresh-air enthusiasts.

Fishing

The Gulf of Mexico, numerous freshwater lakes, Choctawhatchee Bay, and the rivers leading off the bay provide a plethora of fresh- and saltwater fishing sites.

Freshwater anglers will pull in bass, bream, and catfish. There are several good "fishin' holes" in Walton County. Campbell Lake, 125 acres, is approximately four miles west of Santa Rosa off U.S. 98 and is accessible only by sand roads. Campbell produces bream fishing in the spring and summer; bass are caught primarily in the spring. The Choctawhatchee River flows some 96 miles from the Alabama border to Choctawhatchee Bay. Popular access points are

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Caryville, Ebro, and Black Creek south of Freeport. Alligator gar weighing nearly 200 pounds have been caught here. In the lower river, nice strings of bluegill and shellcracker are caught in the spring and summer. Best seasons for hooking largemouth bass are spring and summer; excellent bass may be taken around the treetops and stick-ups in the river. Eglin Field has numerous artificial and natural ponds, natural lakes, and creeks. Early spring is the best time to catch both bass and bream from these waters. Juniper Lake is a 670-acre fish management area three miles north of DeFuniak Springs. This impoundment has a great deal of flooded timber and produces some excellent bass fishing. Spring and summer are the best times to catch bluegills.

A number of fishing camps are scattered throughout the county. All have cabins or campsites, some have both. Boat ramps and bait and tackle are usually available. Some camps also offer boat rentals, groceries, and fishing licenses. For a complete list of fishing camps in the county, drop by the Walton County Chamber of Commerce.

Saltwater fishermen hook flounder, speckled trout, and redfish in Choctawhatchee Bay. Piers, old pilings, wrecks, and rocks are found all around the bay and bayous and provide homes for many species of fish. Charter boats take fishermen out into the Gulf of Mexico to go after flounder, grouper, sailfish, marlin, amberjack, barracuda, cobia, tarpon, bluefish, snapper, sheepshead, and others.

A license is required for both fresh- and saltwater fishing; however, individual saltwater licenses are not required if you are a passenger on a charter boat which carries the proper license.

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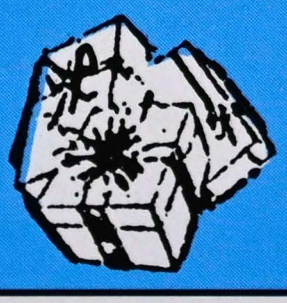
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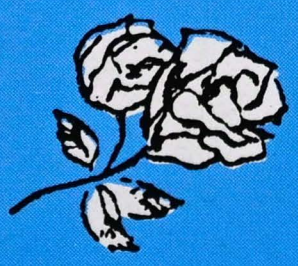

tion characterize south Walton County's fabulous collection of beaches. Bordered by the brilliant blue-green of the Gulf of Mexico, these 26 miles of beaches include Grayton, Seagrove, Blue Mountain, Dune Allen, Inlet, Miramar, and Frangista. In addition, portions of the coastline are locally known by the resorts that have sprung up on them: Seascape, Sandestin, Seaside, and others. Also — Eastern Lake and Camp Creek represent beaches on the gulf as well as the bodies of water in their names.

Of course, the traditional beach pastimes of swimming, sailing and boating, jet-skiing, and sunbathing are popular here. Just off the beaches, however, is another world that fascinates nearly everyone. The calm, clear waters of the Gulf of Mexico invite residents and visitors alike to don snorkle mask and fins and slip into an enchanting, aquatic environment full of unique life forms and brilliant colors.

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picture of this bit of "natural Florida." Recreational activities at Grayton include camping, picnicking, swimming, boating, and fishing. A leaflet-interpreted, self-guided nature trail begins near the beach parking area. Snacks and limited grocery items are available at the concession. Some facilities are handicapped accessible. The park is open daily from 8 a.m. until sunset. For information: Grayton Beach State Recreation Area, Rt. 2, Box 790-1, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459; (904) 231-4210.

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A Brief History of Walton County

Walton County has been inhabited for at least 3000 years. Woodland and Archaic Civilization artifacts dating to 1,000 B.C. have been found in the Grayton Beach area. More recently, from the 15th to the 19th centuries, the Choctaw and Euchee Indians, both of the Creek Nation, populated the area now known as Walton County. Food was plentiful around the Choctawhatchee Bay, and there is evidence that the Indians set up summer encampments on the Gulf while fishing and hunting. Throughout the county, Indian middens, including one that is carefully preserved at Sandestin, have become valuable archaeological sites.

In the spring of 1820, The McLendon brothers, Neill and Lochlin, and their families, along with brother-in-law Daniel D. Campbell and John Folk and his family, left Richmond County, North Carolina, for Pensacola, Florida. When the travelers reached Bluff Springs, Florida, they camped along the banks of the Escambia and Blackwater Rivers. While in Pensacola on a trading trip, Neill McLendon heard about some beautiful country up the Choctawhatchee Bay. Soon thereafter, McLendon was introduced to Sam Story, chief of the friendly Euchee Indians who inhabited the area on the bay. The chief invited McLendon to visit him. McLendon agreed and was so pleased with the new country that he chose new homes for his entire party. They settled on Bruce Creek opposite what is now known as Eucheeanna.

Word of the new land spread rapidly and emigrants from the Carolinas quickly began to settle in a fertile valley 25 miles long and 12 miles wide where farming and sheep and cattle raising provided a good living. The valley was named Euchee to honor the friendly Native Americans who had lived there for many generations.

Walton County was created in 1824, soon after the United States acquired West Florida. Originally much larger than its current 1,066 acres, the county lost portions of its territory when Washington, Holmes, and Okaloosa counties were formed. The county was named for Colonel George Walton, secretary of West Florida during the territorial governorship of Andrew Jackson.

In 1881, a surveying party comprising Colonel W.D. Chipley, Major W.J. VanKirk, and W.T. Wright, came to the area seeking a route for the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. The men explored the dense pine forests and relaxed on the grassy slopes bordering what is now Lake DeFuniak. As they discussed the area they began to envision a settlement. They planned a town and named it for Frederick DeFuniak, a prominent official of the L & N Railroad. A bond company was formed, a hotel built, and new residents and visitors began to arrive.

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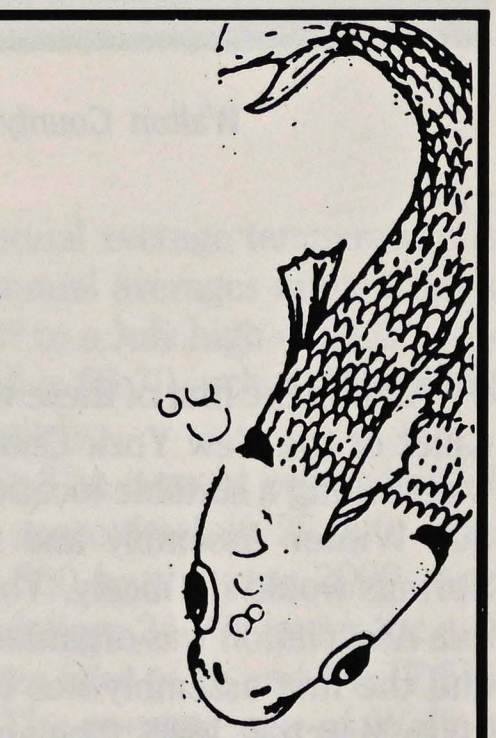

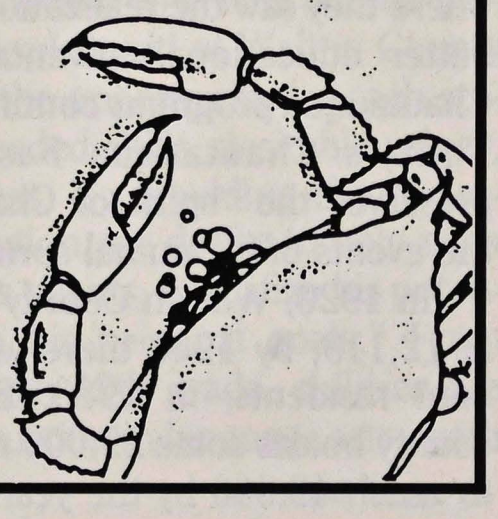

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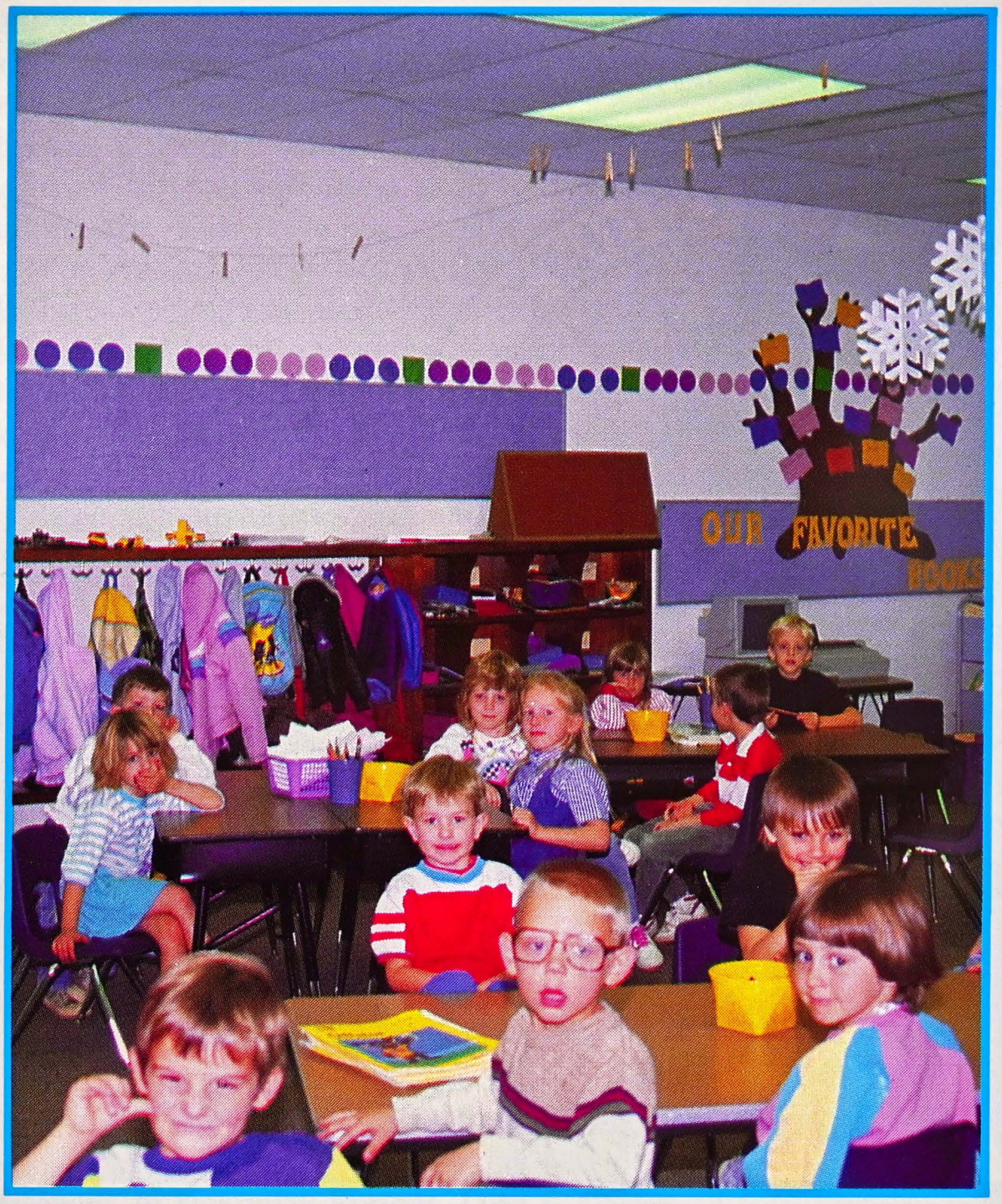
Walton County's history-makers built some lovely homes — like Idlewild.

Among the first of these visitors was Dr. A.H. Gillet of the New York Chautauqua. Dr. Gillet was seeking a suitable location for the Chautauqua Winter Assembly and felt that DeFuniak Springs would do nicely. The Florida Chautauqua Association was organized in August, 1884, and the first assembly was held from February 10 to March 7, 1885. The announcement of the assembly attracted much attention, and families from near and far gathered about the town where they saw the realization of their desire for better educational advantages. The Florida Chautauqua programs continued through 1922. Today's Chautauqua Festival Association preserves the "spirit of Chautauqua" through the events of its annual spring festival.

In 1920, Walton County's population stood at 12,119; by 1940 there were 14,246 permanent residents; in 1980, 23,000. Today the county boasts some 29,000 residents, projected to reach 43,000 by the year 2000. The county seat is DeFuniak Springs, incorporated in 1901. The other two incorporated cities are Paxton (1953) and Freeport (1963).

Throughout Walton County's history, farming has been the chief occupation of the majority of Walton County residents. The soils of the county range from heavy riverbottom lands to lighter sandy loam, underlaid by clay subsoil, on the hills. This latter is especially good for growing wild satsumas, grapes, pears, figs, and peaches. The most important staple crops are corn, soybeans, peanuts, wheat, sugar cane, sweet potatoes, and forage crops.

The principal industrial development of the county is poultry raising and processing. The dairy and beef cattle business is also an established industry. Timber and related products, especially pine, are primary resources. Tourism is an important industry as well. Walton County's sugar-white beaches are among the most beautiful in the world.



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A class at Freeport Elementary, the county's newest school.

Facts at Your Fingertips

ACCOMMODATIONS: More than 3,000 units are ranged along the beaches in south Walton County. These include hotel rooms as well as cottages and condominiums. There are motels and rental apartments in DeFuniak Springs.

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CLIMATE: The annual average temperature is 69.9° F. Monthly annual averages range from a January low of 53.3° to a July high of 81.2°. Annual average rainfall is 65.70 inches. Prevailing winds are southwesterly.

DEMOGRAPHICS: The current population of Walton County is approximately 29,000, projected to reach 43,500 by the year 2000. Age distribution of population: 24.7% under the age of 18; 57.8% between ages of 18 and 64; 17.5% are 65 and over. The average age of Walton Countians is 38.6; median age, 35.8.

EDUCATION: Walton Countians are proud of their educational system. The educational philosophy of the School Board of Walton County is ". . . to provide the opportunity for each student to develop needed skills, desirable values, and social attributes. By providing the opportunity for an education, we desire to help each student develop his talents, to realize his potential, and to attain his personal goals." From kindergarten through 12th grade, children are provided with instruction in language arts, math

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LOCATION AND AREA: Walton County is located in the Panhandle of northwestern Florida and extends from the Gulf of Mexico on the south to the Alabama state line on the north. Covering 1,066 square miles, Walton is Florida's seventh largest county.

MEDIA: Daily newspapers: *Panama City News-Herald, Pensacola News-Journal, Northwest Florida Daily News.* Weekly: *DeFuniak Herald-Breeze* and *Beach Breeze.* Radio stations include WGTX and WZEP, both AM; and WQUH and WWAV, FM stations. Television stations are WJHG and WMBB out of Panama City; WDHN and WTVY from Dothan, Alabama; and WEAR out of Pensacola. Cable service is available, offering channels 2 - 31.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES: The Police Department in DeFuniak Springs can be reached at 892-2712; the Fire Department at 892-2211. County residents should call the Walton County Sheriff's Department at 892-3186 and report fires to the same number.

TRANSPORTATION: Major highways serving the area: U.S. 331, which runs north-south; U.S. 90, U.S. 98, S.R. 20, and Interstate 10 running east-west. The nearest I-10 interchange is within the city limits of DeFuniak Springs. Rail service is via the CSX Railroad. The nearest airport is DeFuniak Springs Municipal (892-3609), with a 3,200-foot paved runway. The nearest commercial service is out of Okaloosa Air Terminal 40 miles away. In DeFuniak Springs, a Greyhound-Trailways Bus Lines terminal is located at 2 E. Baldwin Avenue (892-4847). The nearest navigable waterway is the Intracoastal Waterway through Choctawhatchee Bay; port facilities are available at La Grange Bayou Port in south Walton County.

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VOTER REGISTRATION: One may register to vote at the Office of the Supervisor of Elections, Walton County Courthouse, Hwy. 90 E. and Nelson, DeFuniak Springs, and at the South Walton office of the Walton County Chamber of Commerce. Residents of the three municipalities may register for city elections at City Hall in the appropriate community.

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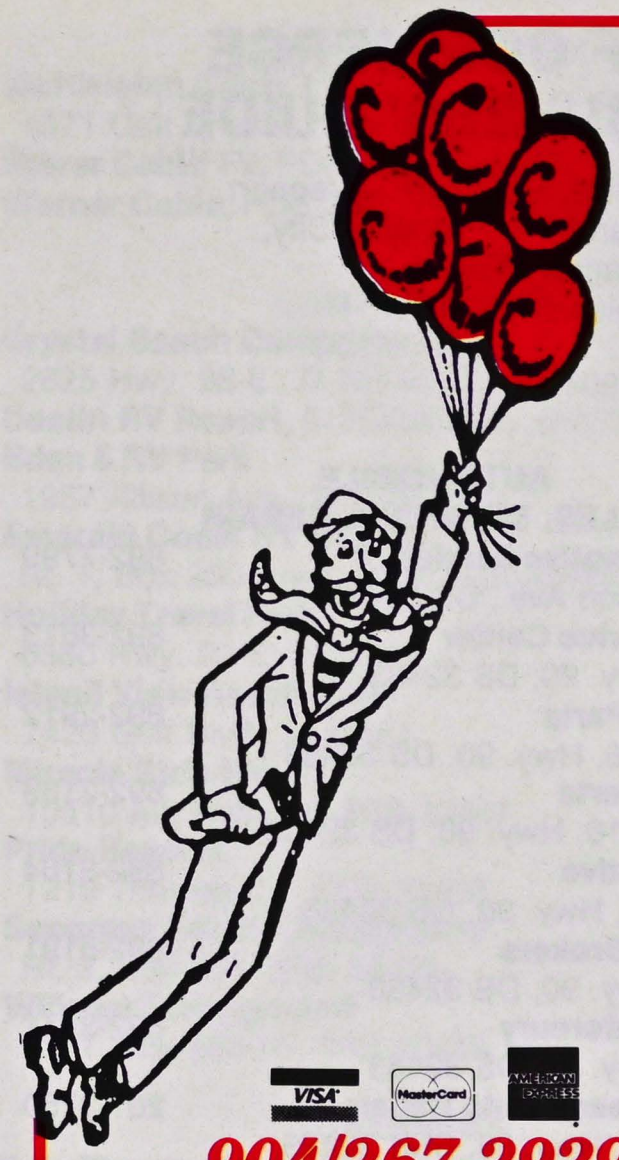

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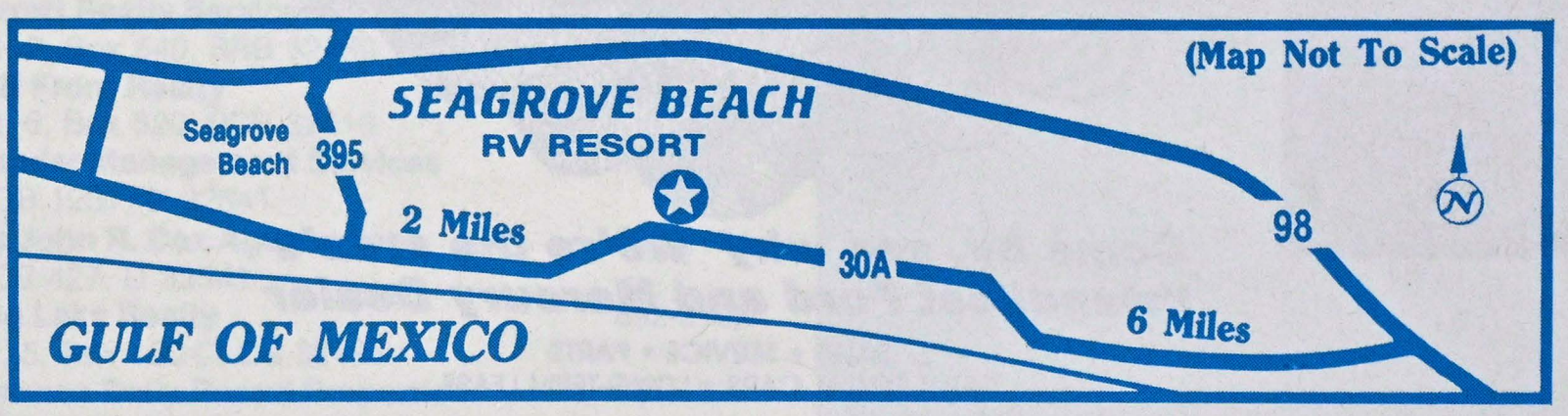

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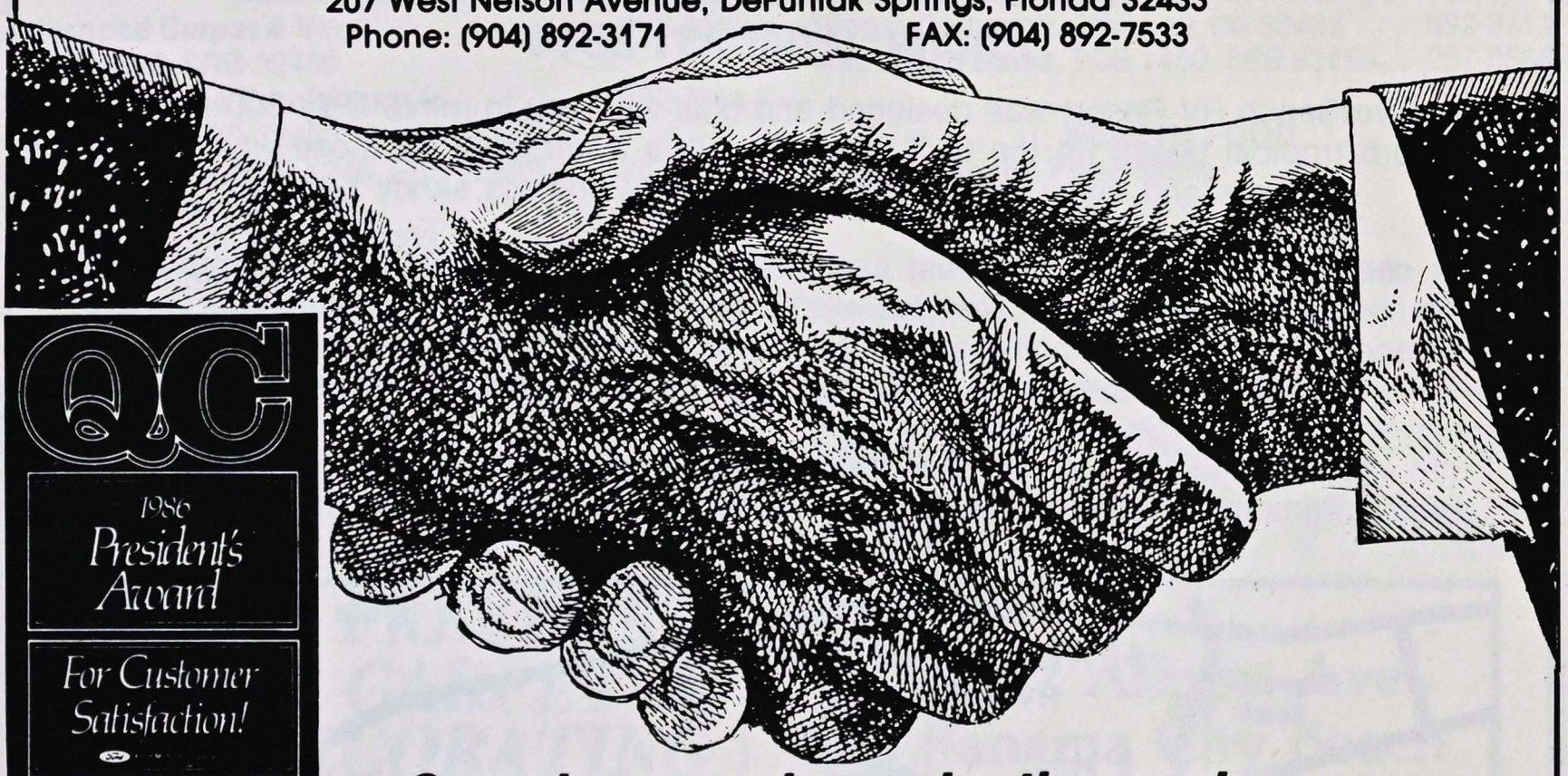
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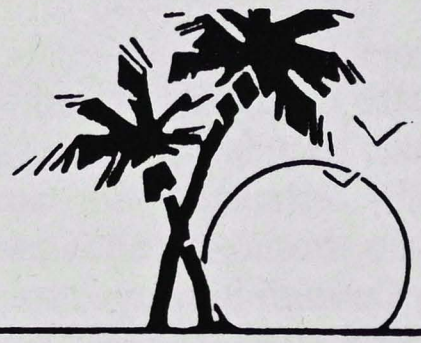

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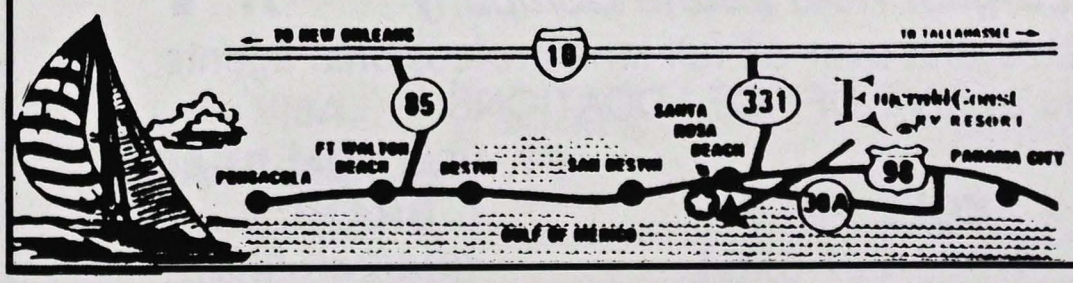

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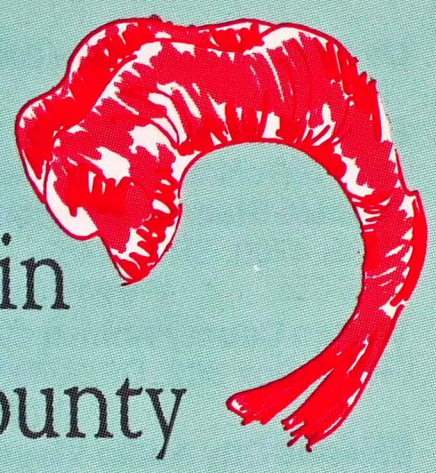

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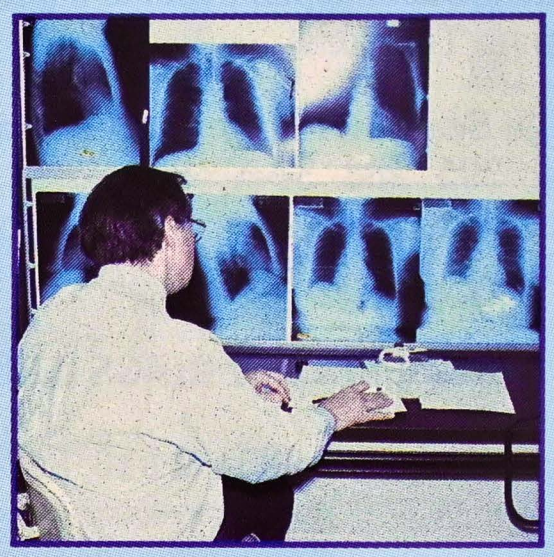

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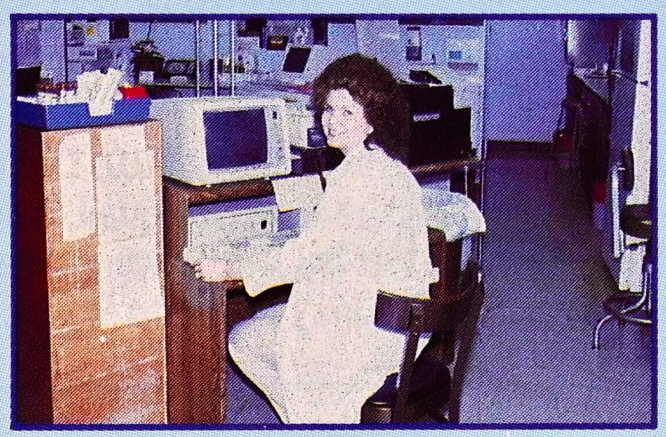

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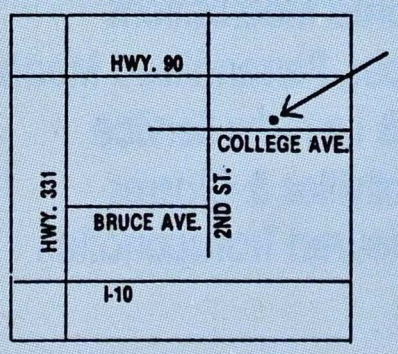

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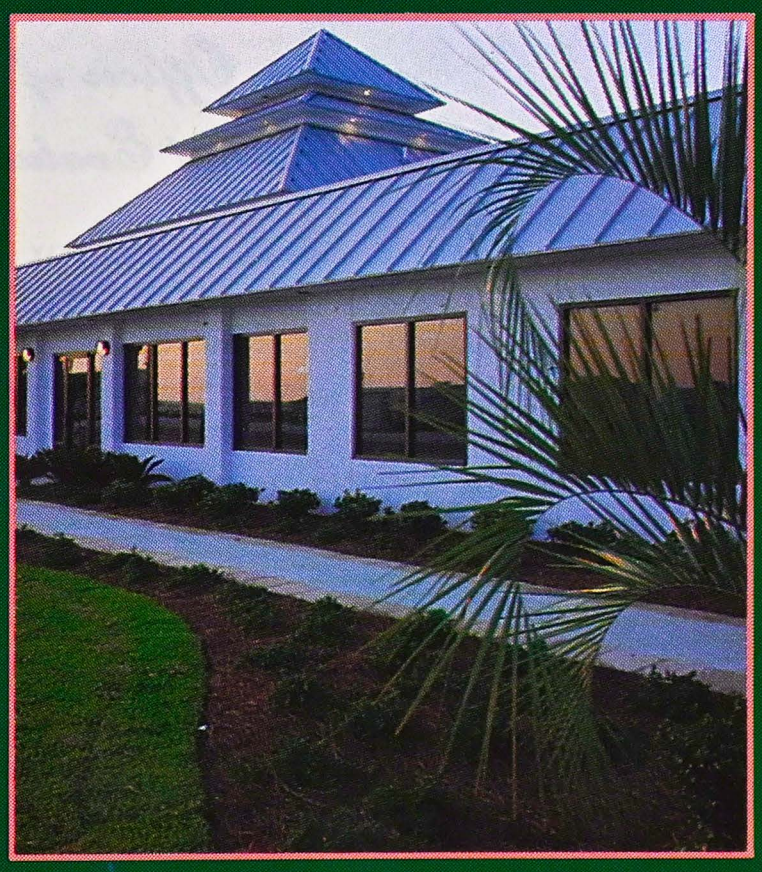

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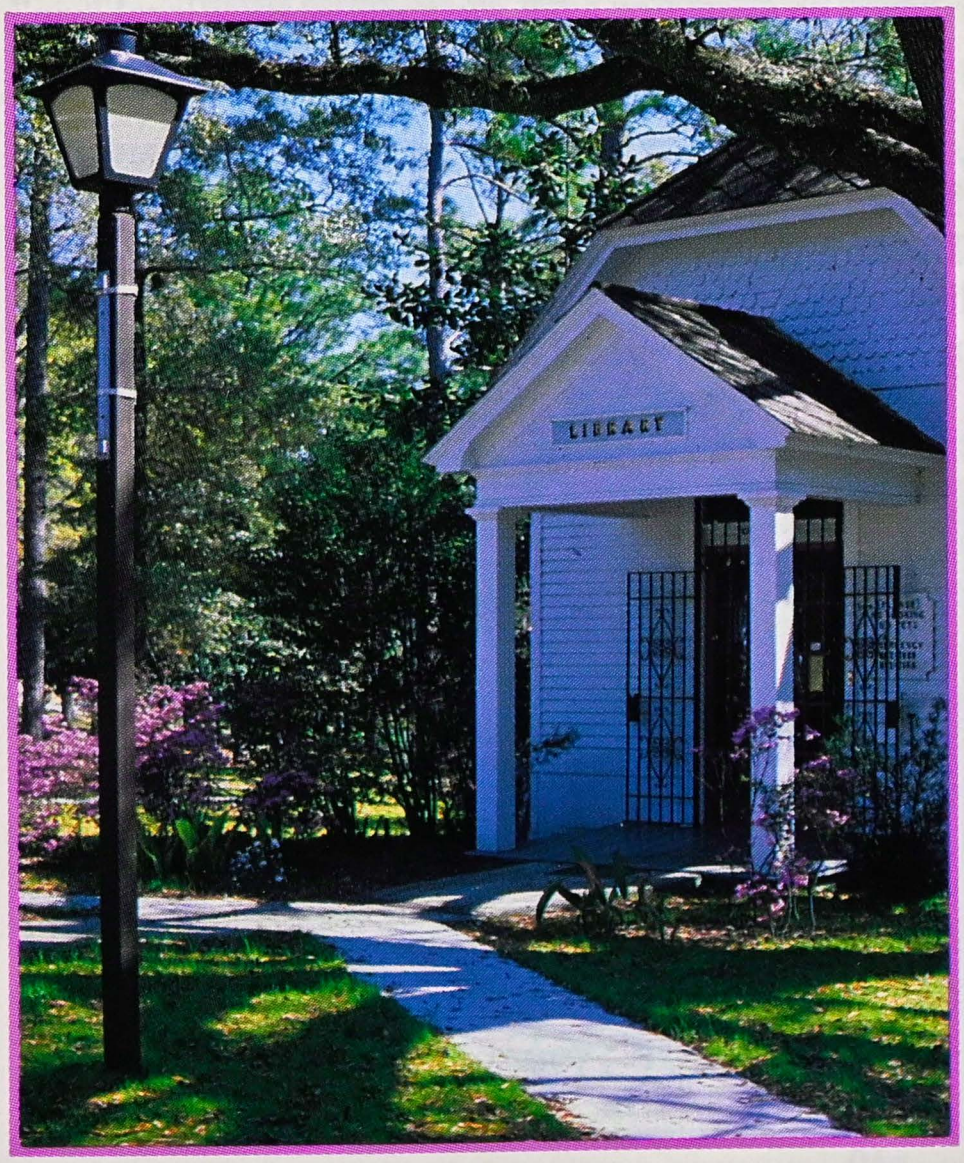

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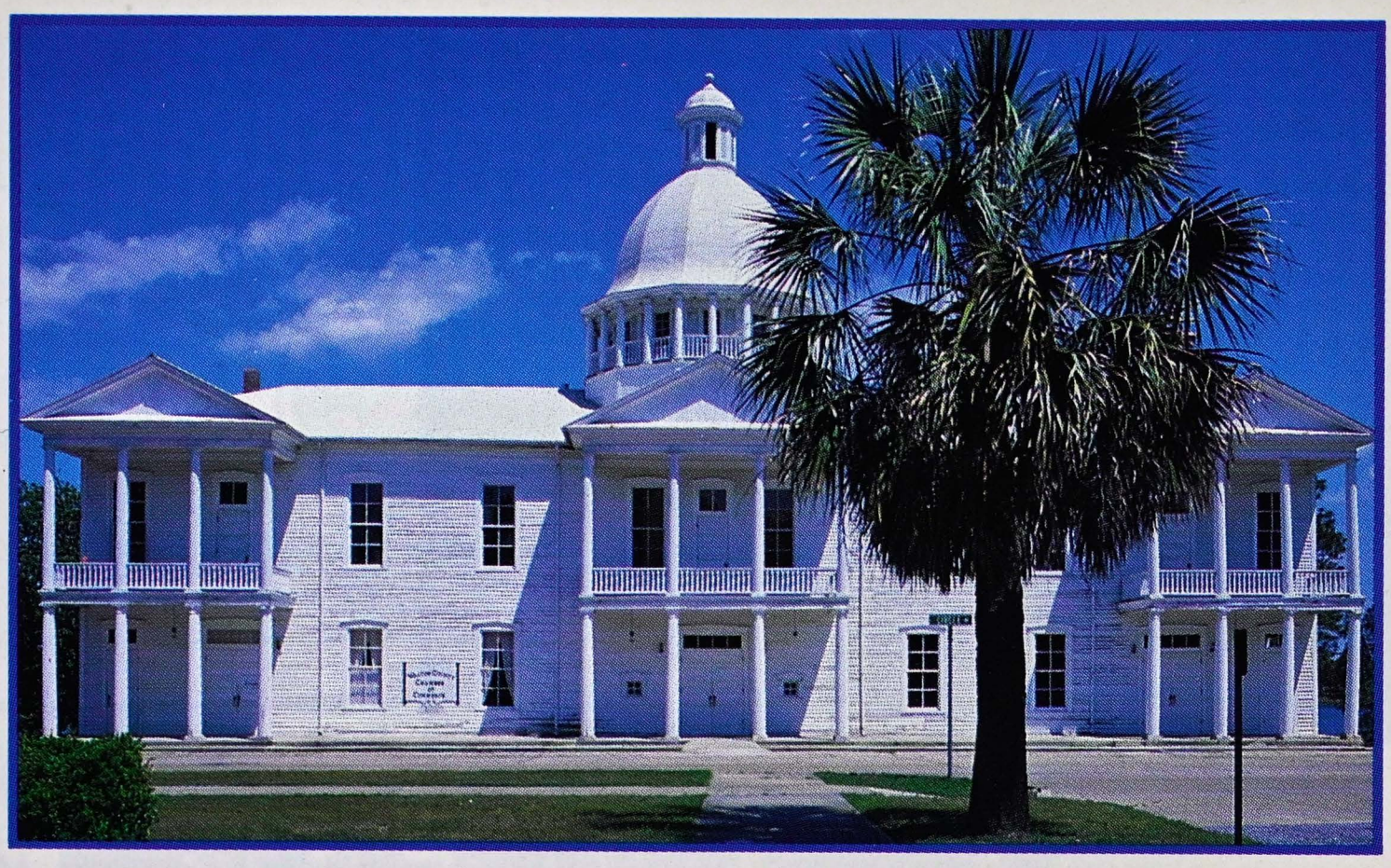
Things to See . . .

Walton County is rich in history; many of the things that are fun to do today have their roots in the past. Some old ideas have taken on a new form. For instance, the Chautauqua Institution combined education with entertainment in an outdoor setting; today's Seaside amphitheater and DeFuniak Springs' Chautauqua Festival feature cultural programs which are both edifying and diverting.



Chautauqua Hall of Brotherhood

THE CHAUTAUQUA AUDITORIUM

The Chautauqua Auditorium, built in 1909 at a cost of $28,000, extended almost to the edge of the lake. In the early days, the building was nearly always filled to its 4000-seat capacity. Some of the first speakers were Bob Jones and William Jennings Bryan. During the Great Depression the Florida Chautauqua programs were discontinued, and the Chautauqua Hall of Brotherhood and its grounds were sold to the City of DeFuniak Springs.

In 1975, the auditorium section of the building was badly damaged and had to be removed. The remaining domed section of the building, known as the Hall of Brotherhood, has undergone extensive renovation. The City of DeFuniak Spings uses the beautiful old building for many social and community functions. The handsome structure also houses the Walton County Chamber of Commerce and the Chautauqua Festival offices.

CHAUTAUQUA WINERY

Although Floridians have grown grapes and made wine for a long time, only in recent years has winemaking become commercial. The Chautauqua Winery had its first harvest in 1989 from its own 30 acres plus grapes purchased from independent growers. Some 30,000 gallons were pressed. That wine, white made from Carlos and native Welder grapes and red from Noble, will be bottled and sold during 1990. When you visit the winery at I-10 and Hwy. 331, take a tour to see the winemaking process. For a fee you can taste the local "vin" and take a souvenir glass home. Facilities for the handicapped. For information call 892-5887.

EDEN STATE GARDENS AND MANSION

Located in Point Washington on County Rd. 395, north of U.S. 98, the Eden Mansion and its ten fine acres overlook Choctawhatchee Bay. Built in 1897 by lumber baron William Wesley, the house has a typical southern garden of

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The beautiful stained-glass windows in the sanctuary and chapel here were taken from the old building torn down in 1967, and many are dedicated to early residents of DeFuniak Springs and Chautauqua supporters. Located on Circle Drive.

GRAYTON BEACH STATE RECREATION AREA

Camping, picnicking, hiking, swimming, saltwater fishing, and boating are enjoyed in this beautiful 350-acre park, more than half of which is Western Lake and its attendant salt marshes. Facilities include showers, grocery store, electricity. Open daily from 8 a.m. until sunset, Grayton Beach Park is on C-30A, east of Hwy. 283.

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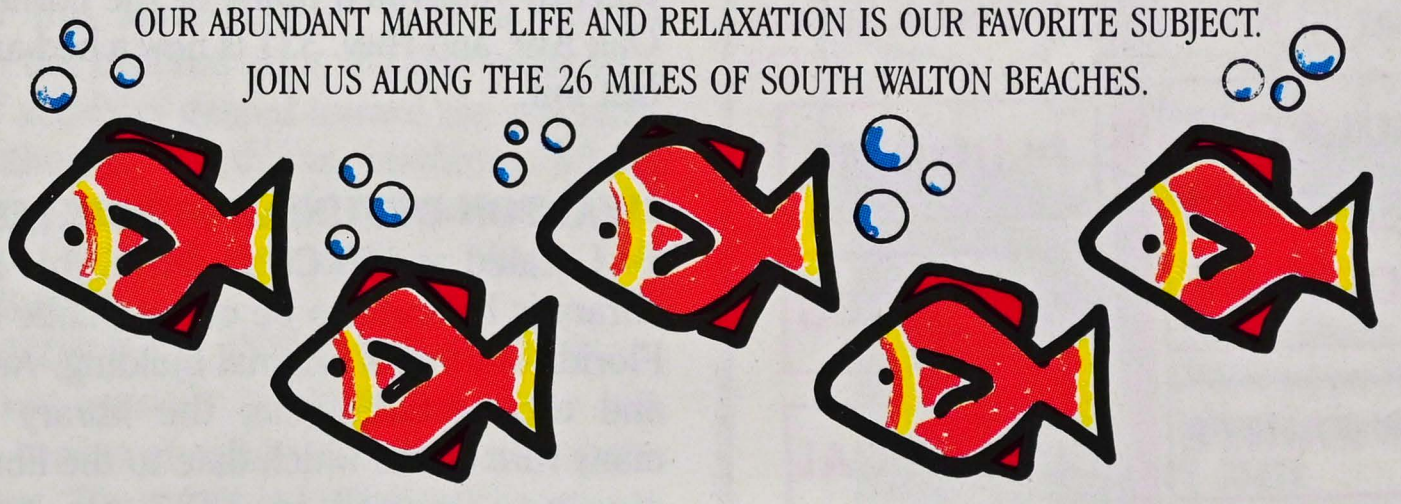

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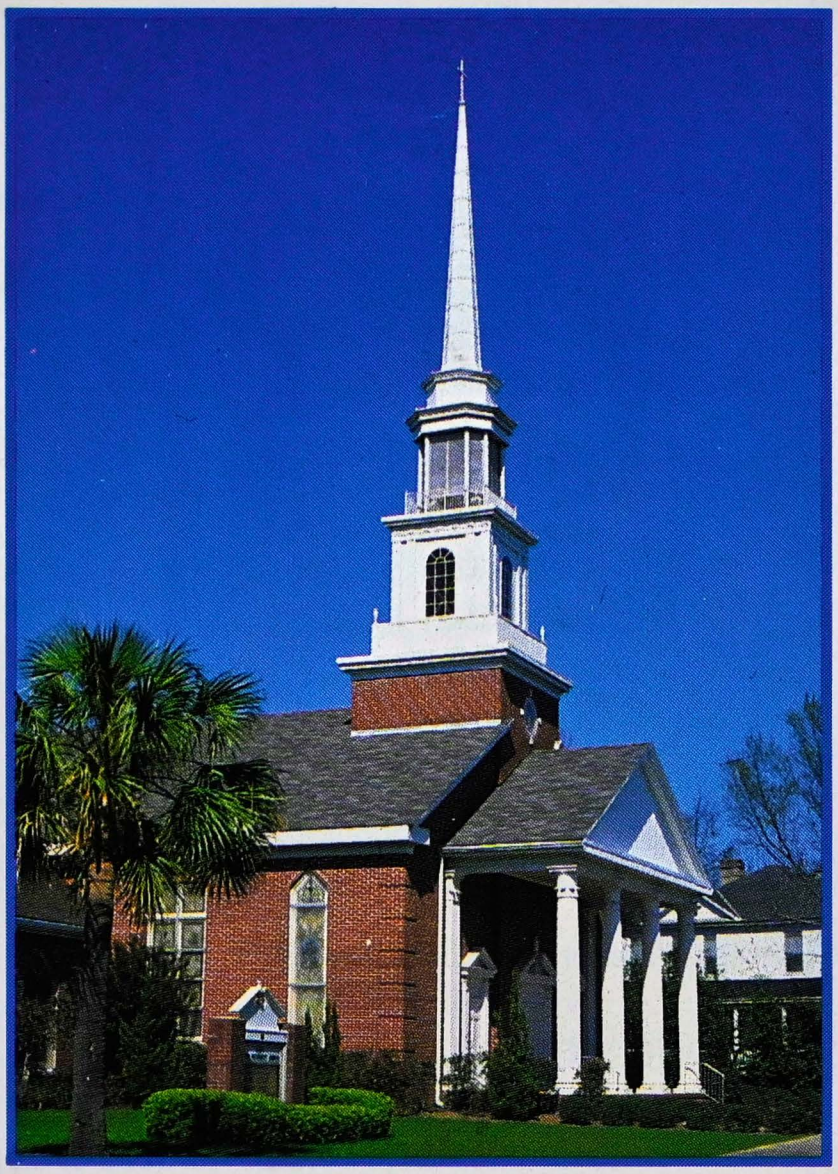

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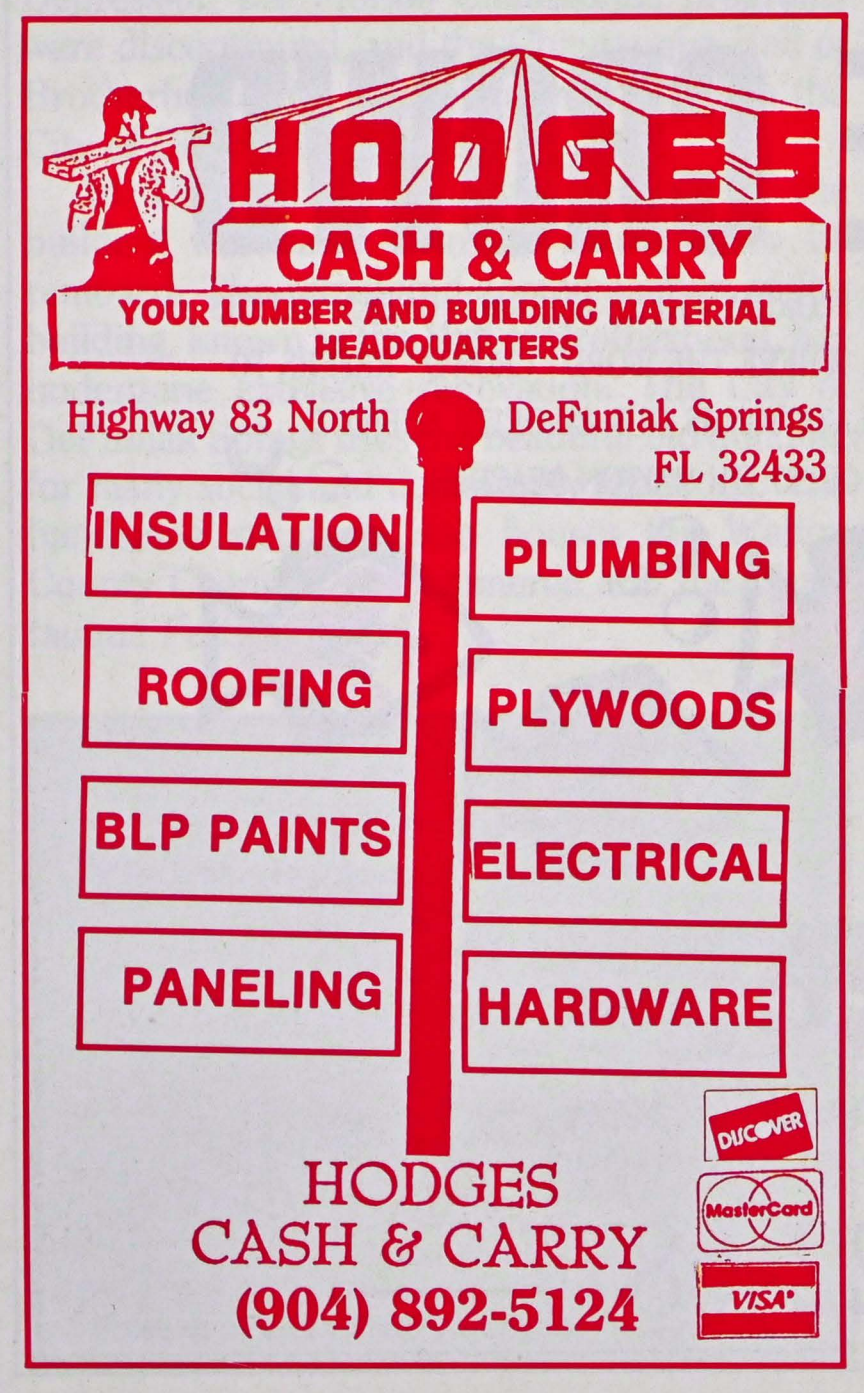

HISTORIC CIRCLE DRIVE

Circle Drive, encompassing beautiful Lake DeFuniak, provides a panoramic view of historic homes, from quaint "Dream Cottage" to magnificent "Idlewild." These homes are privately owned and may be enjoyed only from the road.

LAKEWOOD

At 345 feet above sea level, Lakewood is the highest point in Florida. Located in northwestern Walton County, Lakewood was once a thriving mill town, but after World War II the town died out along with the lumber business. The 900-foot by 400-foot plateau is now the site of a state park.

ST. AGATHA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Built in 1896, this charming structure on Circle Drive is the only church building which remains from the Chautauqua era.

SEASIDE

Located on the Gulf of Mexico in the community of Seagrove Beach, Seaside's Victorian houses, reminiscent of turn-of-the-century English resorts, have been pictured in real estate and tourist magazines all over the country. Turn to our real estate category in the Membership Directory for information about these and other seasonal rentals.

SUNBRIGHT

Once the home of Florida Governor Sidney J. Catts who took office in 1917, this large, recently renovated home at the corner of Live Oak Ave. and Hwy. 331 is now a bed-and-breakfast inn.

WALTON-DEFUNIAK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Located at 100 Circle Drive, this charming library is believed to be oldest public library in Florida still in its original building. An historic and architectural gem, the library contains many rare books which date to the library's beginning. Opened in 1887, its one room measured 24 by 16 feet and cost slightly less than $580 to build! A second room was added in 1893; a windowed children's section and basement were constructed in 1921. The most recent expansion of the library has more than doubled its capacity. Its beauty has been enjoyed by countless visitors and residents who have been refreshed by the serene loveliness of this enchanting building.

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CHAUTAUQUA FESTIVAL

Held every spring in DeFuniak Springs, the Chautauqua Festival includes concerts, mimes, children's and adult theater, and school programs. The finale is Chautauqua Festival Day, the last day of the festival, and features a parade, day-long entertainment, booths for arts and crafts and food, children's activities, and a thrilling fireworks display.

SOUTHERN REGIONALS WATER-SKI TOURNAMENT

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WALTON COUNTY FAIR

Held at the Walton County Fairgrounds, about a mile north of Hwy. 90 on the east side of Hwy. 83, the Walton County Fair is a traditional county fair with all the trappings: midway with rides and games; livestock displays with horses, cows, hogs, chickens, sheep, and more; Visual Arts displays; Home Demonstrations exhibits with quilting, baking, sewing, and the like; exhibits by 4-H members, Homemakers' Clubs, the County Health Department, and the like; and much, much more. The Walton County Fair is held during the second week of October.

SPORTS FEST

On the first three weekends in November, the beaches of South Walton County are the scene for this annual event. Held at various resorts in the beaches area, the fest includes a variety of activities geared toward the outdoors sports enthusiast: triathlons, biathlons, biking events, road races, water-ski tournaments, and more. For detailed information, please call 1-800-822-6877.

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Seaside's open-air amphitheater is the setting for a variety of cultural programs throughout the year. The public is invited to free movies on Tuesdays. In September and October, the classical music needs of the public are nourished by the likes of Eugene Fodor, the Rich String Quartet, the Florida Brass Quintet, the Alarida Woodwinds, or the Amabile Piano Quartet. Spring offerings might be the Dixieland Jazz Band, Spencer Bohren with his blues guitar or a children's show group. Call 1-800-635-0296 for information.

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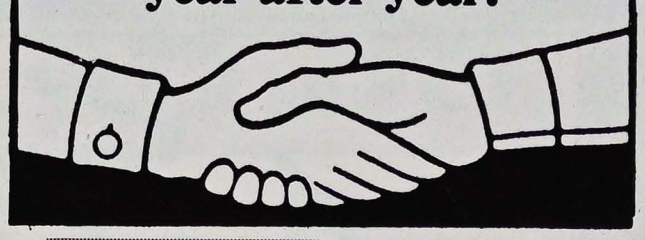

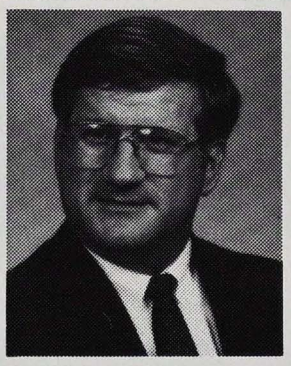

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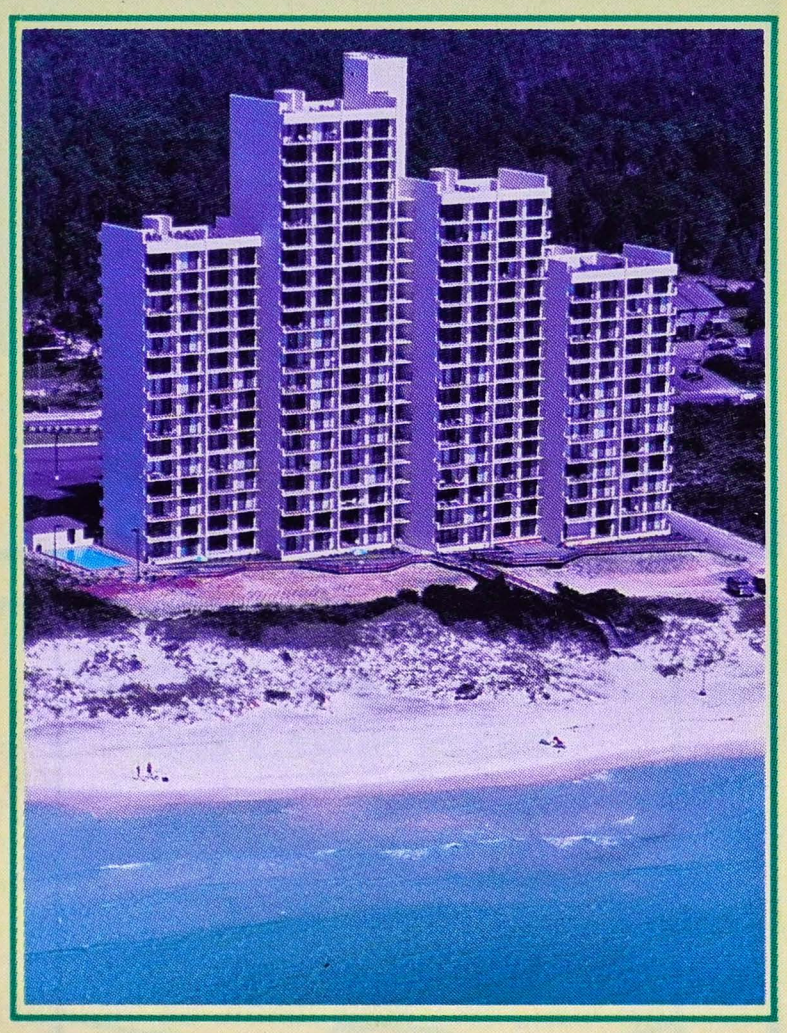

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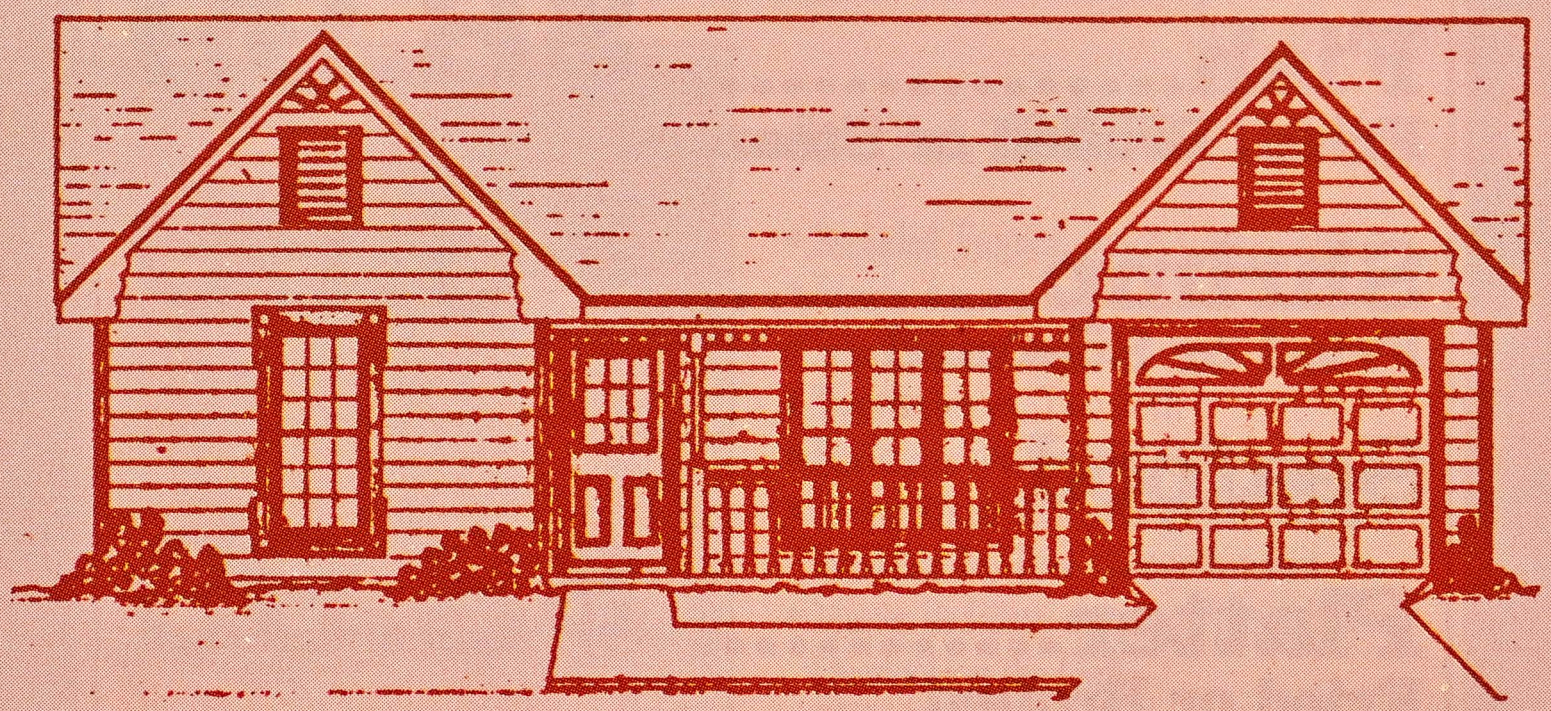

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